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# Localization in Sensor Networks I

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# Find where the sensor is...

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- Location information is important.
  1. Devices need to know where they are.
    - Sensor tasking: turn on the sensor near the window...
  2. We want to know where the data is about.
    - A sensor reading is too hot – where?
  3. It helps infrastructure establishment.
    - geographical routing
    - sensor coverage.

# GPS is not always good

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- Requires clear sky, doesn't work indoor.
- Too expensive.
  - A \$1 sensor with a \$100 GPS?

## Localization algorithm:

- (optional) Some nodes (anchors or beacons) know their locations (e.g., through GPS).
- Nodes make local measurements;
  - Distances or angles between two neighbors.
- Communicate between each other;
- Infer location information from these measurements.

# Localization problem

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- Output: nodes' location.
  - Global location, e.g., what GPS gives.
  - Relative location.
- Input:
  - Connectivity, hop count (under UDG model).
    - Nodes with  $k$  hops away are within Euclidean distance  $k$ .
    - Nodes without a link must be at least distance 1 away.
  - Distance measurement of an incoming link.
  - Angle measurement of an incoming link.
  - Combinations of the above.

# Distance Measurements

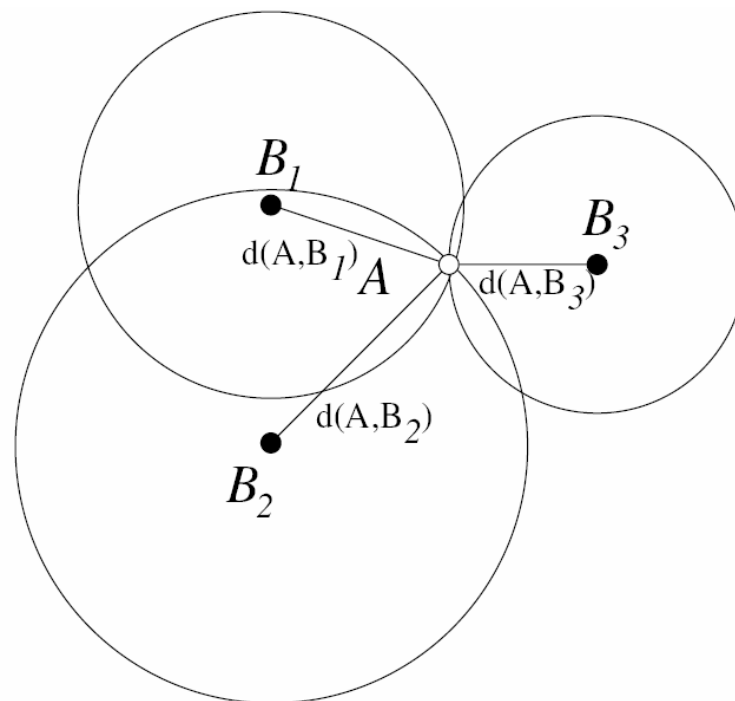
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- Received Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI)
  - The further away, the weaker the received signal.
  - Mainly used for RF signals.
- Time of Arrival (ToA) or Time Difference of Arrival (TDoA)
  - Signal propagation time translates to distance.
  - RF, acoustic, infrared and ultrasound.

# Time of Arrival (ToA)

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- Used in GPS.
- Triangulation.
- Need synchronization.
- If round-trip time is used, then accurate clocks are only needed at the anchors.



# Time Difference of Arrival (TDoA)

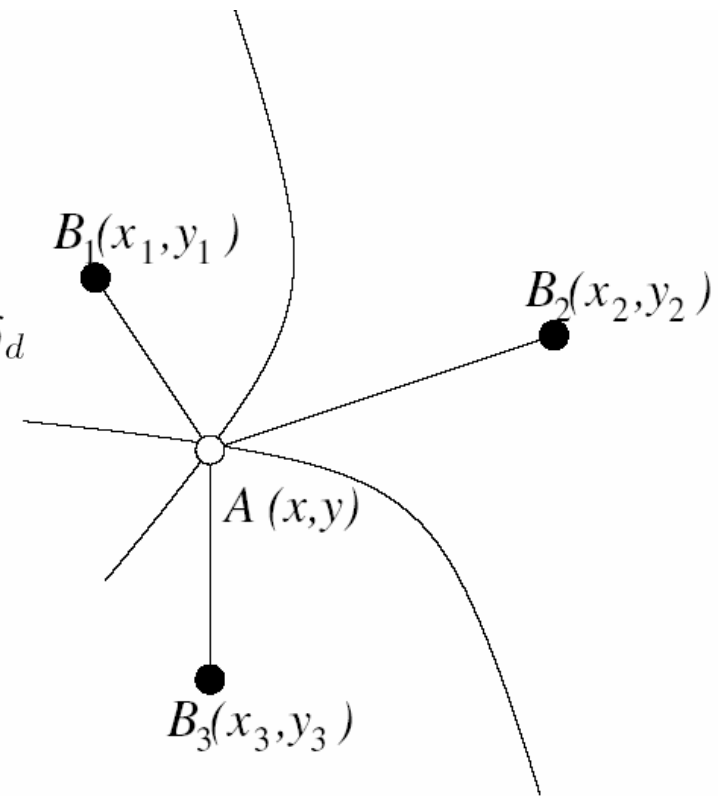
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- Anchor B1 and B2 send signal to A simultaneously. The time difference of arrival is recorded.

- A stays on the hyperbola:

$$\sqrt{(x - x_1)^2 + (y - y_1)^2} - \sqrt{(x - x_2)^2 + (y - y_2)^2} = \delta_d$$

- Do this for B2 and B3.
- A stays at the intersection of the two hyperbolas.
- If the two hyperbolas have 2 intersections, one more measurement is needed.



# Angle Measurements

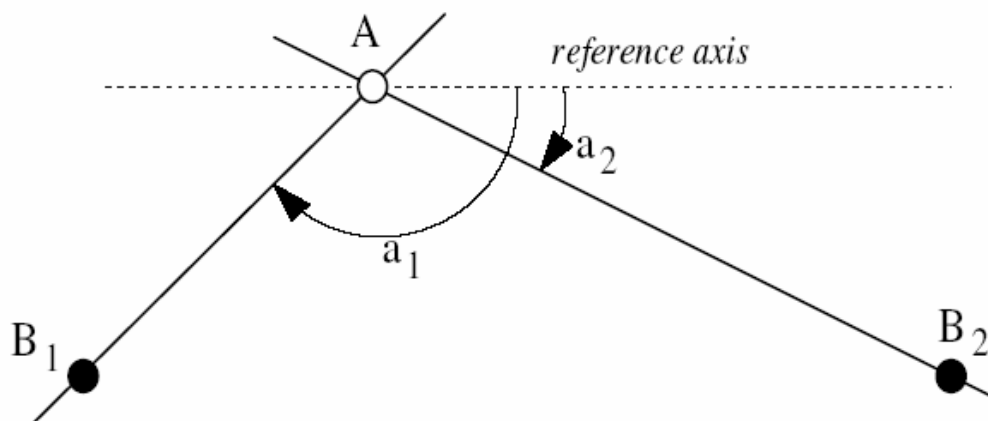
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- Angle of Arrival (AoA)
  - Determining the direction of propagation of a radio-frequency wave incident on an antenna array.
- Directional Antenna
- Special hardware, e.g., laser transmitter and receivers.

# Angle of Arrival (AoA)

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- A measures the direction of an incoming link by radio array.
- By using 2 anchors, A can determine its position.



# Localization algorithms

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- **Anchor-based**
  - Some nodes know their locations, either by a GPS or as pre-specified.
- **Anchor-free**
  - Relative location only.
  - A harder problem, need to solve the global structure. Nowhere to start.
- **Range-based**
  - Use range information (distance estimation).
- **Range-free**
  - No distance estimation, use connectivity information such as hop count.

# Required Papers

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- **[Savvides01]** A. Savvides, C.-C. Han, and M. B. Strivastava. [Dynamic fine-grained localization in ad-hoc networks of sensors](#). Proc. MobiCom 2001.
- **[Eren04]** Tolga Eren, David Goldenberg, Walter Whitley, Yang Richard Yang, A. Stephen Morse, Brian D.O. Anderson and Peter N. Belhumeur, [Rigidity, Computation, and Randomization of Network Localization](#). In Proceedings of IEEE INFOCOM, Hong Kong, China, April 2004.

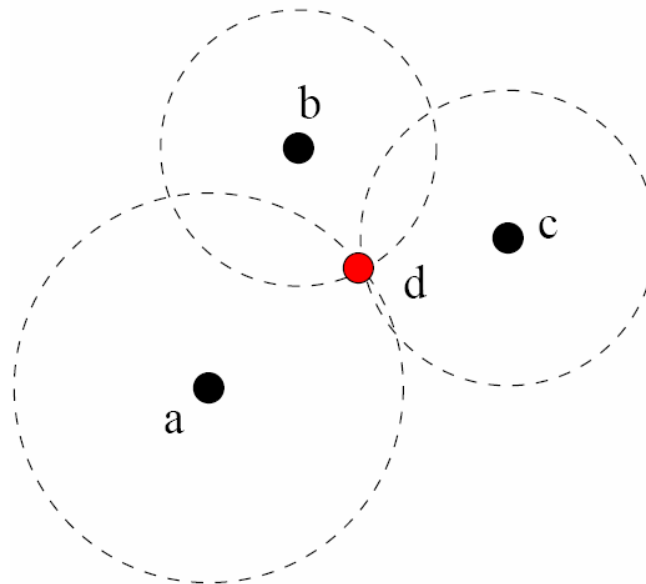
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# Multilateration: use plane geometry

# Triangulation, trilateration

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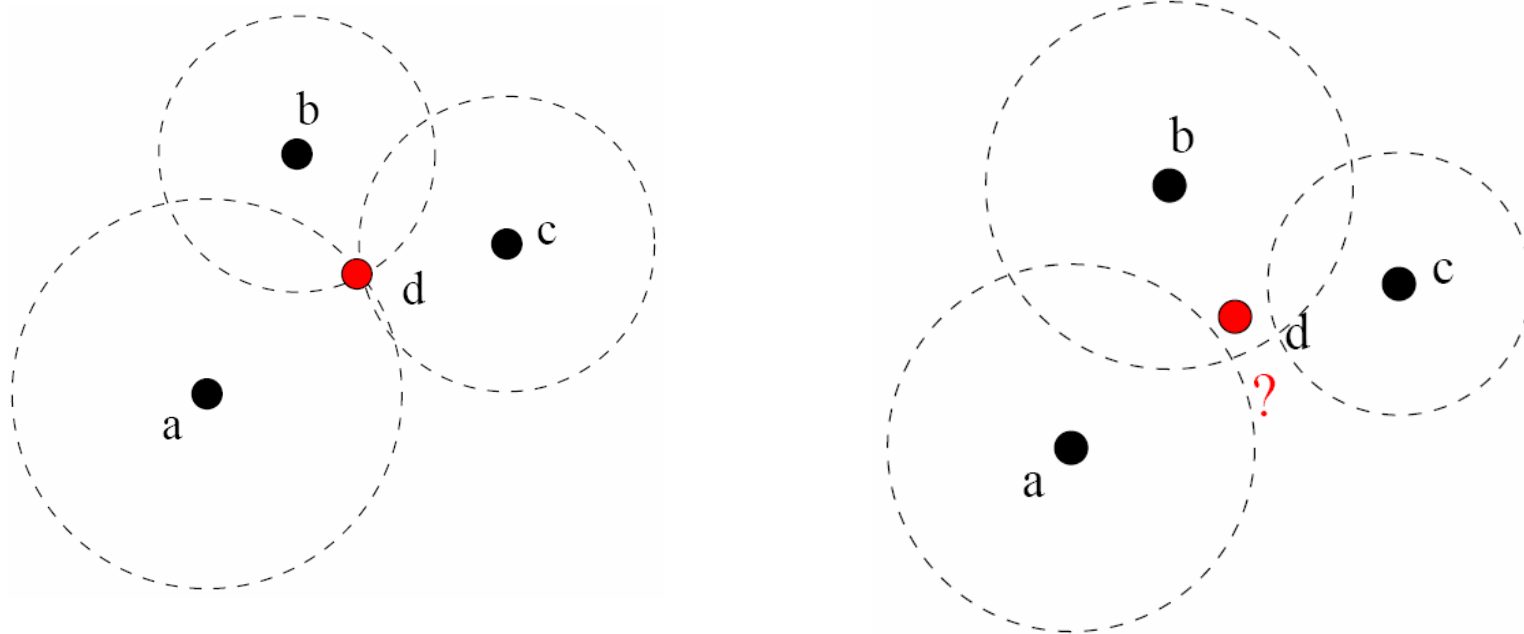
- Anchors advertise their coordinates & transmit a reference signal
- Other nodes use the reference signal to **estimate** distances anchor nodes.



# Triangulation, trilateration

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- Distance measurements are noisy!
- Solve an optimization problem: minimize the mean square error.



# Problem Formulation

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- k beacons at positions  $(x_i, y_i)$
- Assume node 0 has position  $(x_0, y_0)$
- Distance measurement between node 0 and beacon i is  $r_i$

- Error:

$$f_i = r_i - \sqrt{(x_i - x_0)^2 + (y_i - y_0)^2}$$

- The objective function is

$$F(x_0, y_0) = \min \sum f_i^2$$

- This is a non-linear optimization problem

# Linearization and Min Mean Square Estimate

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- Ideally, we would like the error to be 0

$$f_i = r_i - \sqrt{(x_i - x_0)^2 + (y_i - y_0)^2} = 0$$

- Re-arrange:

$$(x_0^2 + y_0^2) + x_0(-2x_i) + y_0(-2y_i) - r_i^2 = -x_i^2 - y_i^2$$

- Subtract the last equation from the previous ones to get rid of quadratic terms.

$$2x_0(x_k - x_i) + 2y_0(y_k - y_i) = r_i^2 - r_k^2 - x_i^2 - y_i^2 + x_k^2 + y_k^2$$

- Note that this is linear.

# Linearization and Min Mean Square Estimate

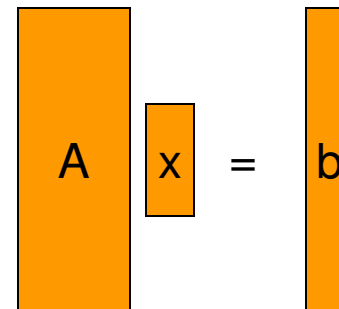
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- In general, we have an over-constrained linear system

$$Ax = b$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} r_1^2 - r_k^2 - x_1^2 - y_1^2 + x_k^2 + y_k^2 \\ r_2^2 - r_k^2 - x_2^2 - y_2^2 + x_k^2 + y_k^2 \\ \vdots \\ r_{k-1}^2 - r_k^2 - x_{k-1}^2 - y_{k-1}^2 + x_k^2 + y_k^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 2(x_k - x_1) & 2(y_k - y_1) \\ 2(x_k - x_2) & 2(y_k - y_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 2(x_k - x_{k-1}) & 2(y_k - y_{k-1}) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Solve using the Least Square Equation

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The linearized equations in matrix form become

$$Ax = b$$

Now we can use the least squares equation to compute an estimation.

$$x = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$

# How to solve it in an embedded system?

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- Check conditions
  - Beacon nodes must not lie on the same line
- For ToA, TDoA, if we use acoustic signals, how to solve for the speed of sound?

# Acoustic case: Also solve for the speed of sound

With at least 4 beacons,

$$f_i = st_{i0} - \sqrt{(x_i - x_0)^2 + (y_i - y_0)^2}$$

Speed of sound

Time measurement

This can be linearized to the form

where

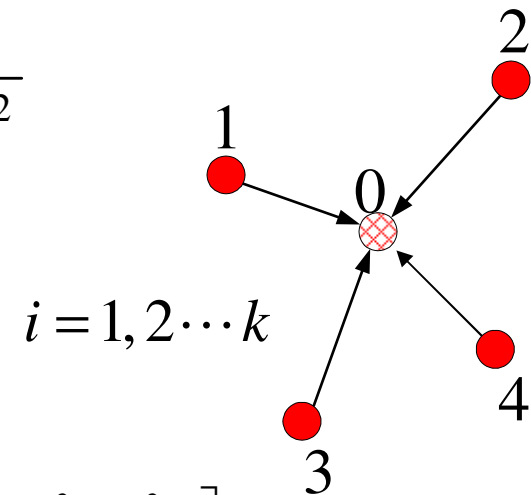
$$Ax = b$$

$$b = \begin{bmatrix} -x_1^2 - y_1^2 + x_k^2 + y_k^2 \\ -x_2^2 - y_2^2 + x_k^2 + y_k^2 \\ \vdots \\ -x_{k-1}^2 - y_{k-1}^2 + x_k^2 + y_k^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

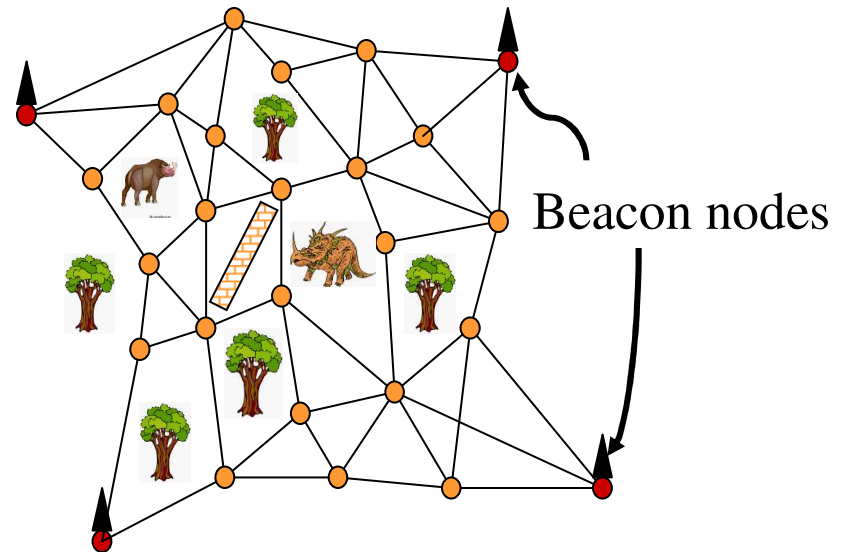
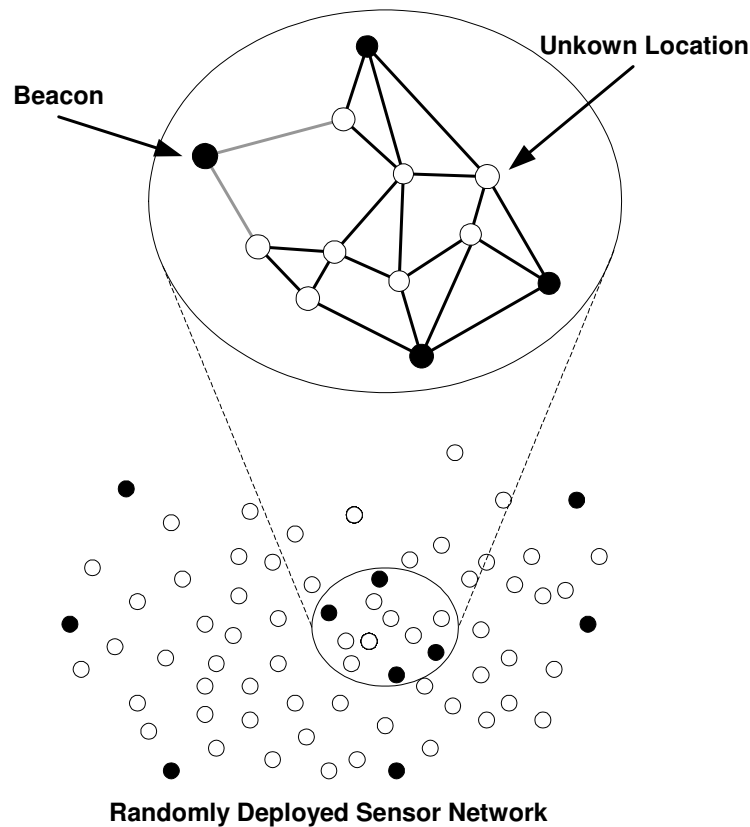
$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2(x_k - x_1) & 2(y_k - y_1) & t_{k0}^2 - t_{10}^2 \\ 2(x_k - x_2) & 2(y_k - y_2) & t_{k0}^2 - t_{20}^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 2(x_k - x_{k-1}) & 2(y_k - y_{k-1}) & t_{k0}^2 - t_{(k-1)0}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} x_0 \\ y_0 \\ s^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T b$$



# The Node Localization Problem

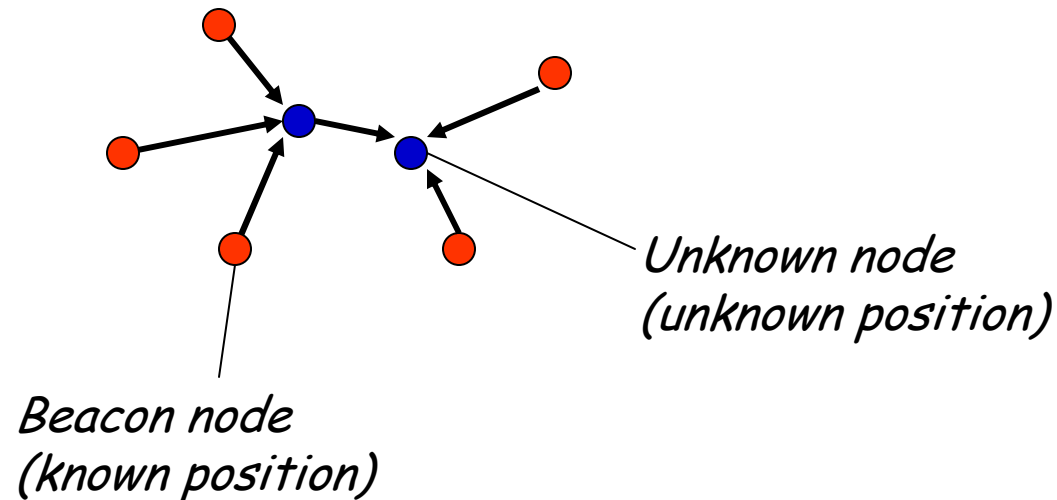


- Localize nodes in an ad-hoc **multi-hop** network
- Based on a set of inter-node distance measurements

# Iterative multilateration

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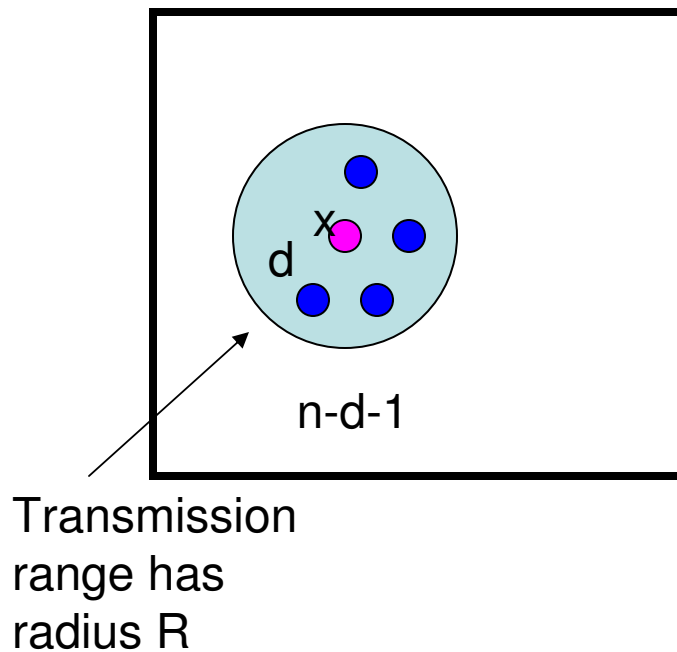
- Iterative multilateration
  - a node with at least 3 neighboring beacons estimates its position and becomes a beacon.
  - Iterate until all nodes with 3 beacons are localized.



**Connectivity matters! Each node needs at least 3 neighbors.**

# Iterative multilateration: how many beacons?

- $n$  nodes deployed randomly in a square of side  $L$ ,
- $P(d) = \Pr\{\text{a node } x \text{ has degree } d\} = ?$



Probability that one node falls inside the transmission range of  $x$ ?

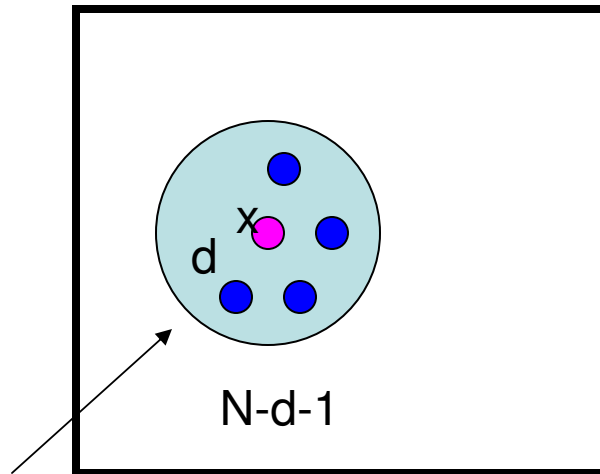
$$p = \frac{\pi R^2}{L^2}$$

Binomial distribution

$$P(d) = p^d \cdot (1-p)^{n-d-1} \cdot \binom{n-1}{d}$$

# Iterative multilateration: how many beacons?

- When  $n$  tends to infinity, the binomial distribution converges to a Poisson distribution.



Transmission  
range has  
radius  $R$

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Probability that one node falls inside  
the transmission range of  $x$ ?

$$p = \frac{\pi R^2}{L^2} \quad \lambda = n \cdot p$$

↓ Binomial distribution  
Poisson distribution

$$P(d) = \frac{\lambda^d}{d!} \cdot e^{-\lambda}$$

# Iterative multilateration: how many beacons?

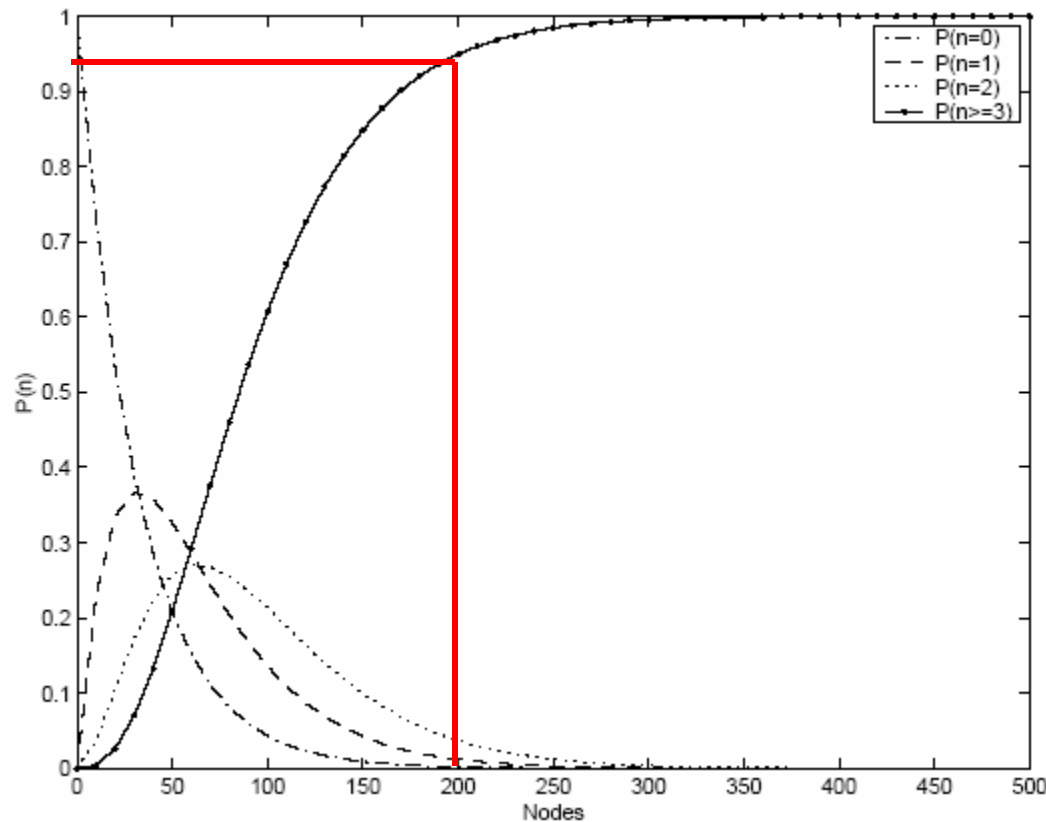
$$P(d) = \frac{\lambda^d}{d!} \cdot e^{-\lambda}$$

$$P(\geq d) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} P(i)$$

**100 by 100 field  
Sensor range:10**

**Probability of a node  
with 0, 1, 2,  $\geq 3$   
neighbors.**

**With 200 nodes,  
 $P(\geq 3)$  is about 95%.**

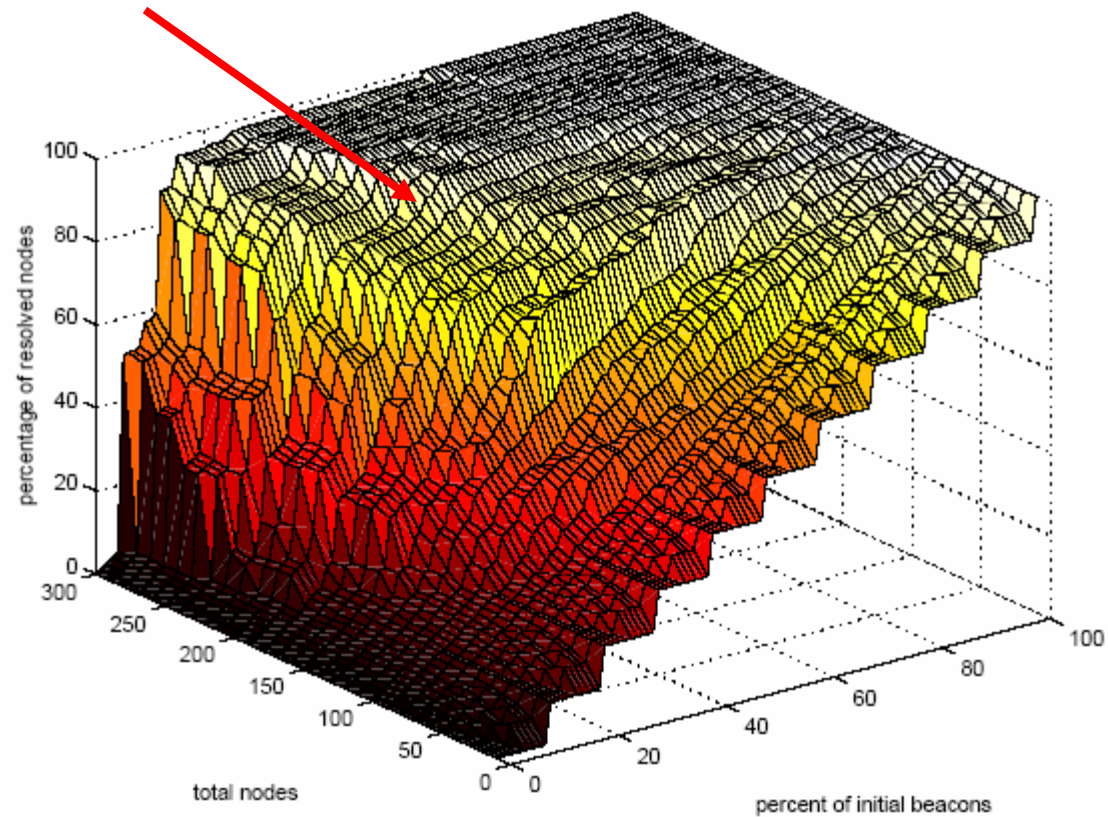


# Iterative multilateration: how many beacons?

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With 200 nodes, we  
need about 50~60  
beacons to localize  
about 90% of the  
nodes. That's  $\frac{1}{4}$  of  
the total number of  
nodes.

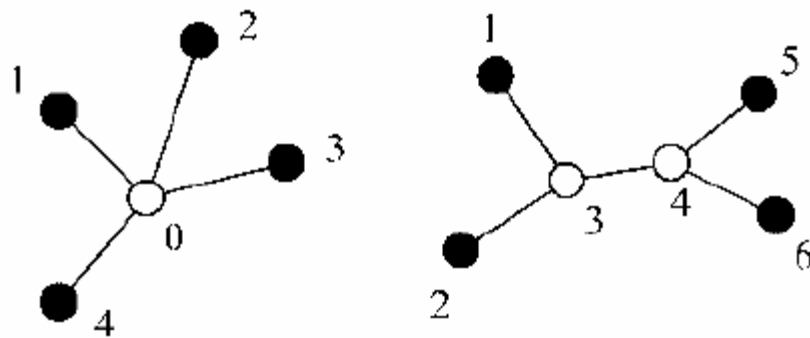


# Problems of iterative multilateration

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## Problems

1. Requires a large fraction of beacons.
2. Error accumulates.
3. It gets stuck --- not all nodes with 3 or more neighbors can be resolved.

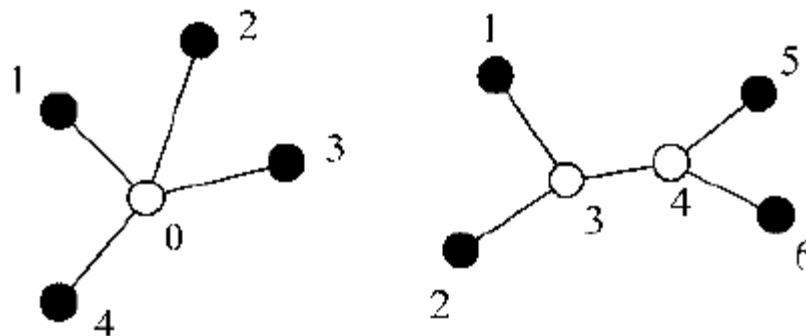


# Problems of iterative Multilateration

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## Problems

1. Requires a large fraction of beacons.
2. Error accumulates. ← Mass-spring optimization.
3. It gets stuck --- not all nodes with 3 or more neighbors can be located. ← Global optimization (to be discussed next class)



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However, optimization does not solve:

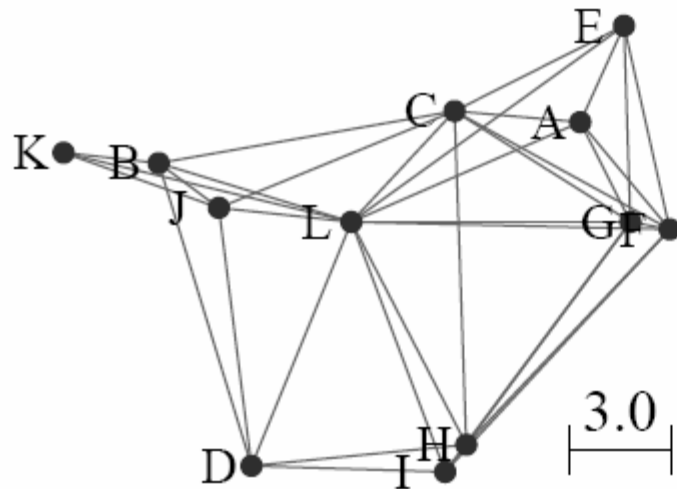
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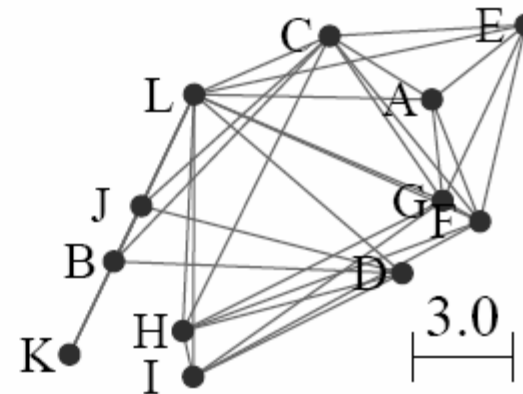
- Same distances, different realization.

(a) Ground truth



$$\sigma_{err} = 0.37$$

(b) Alternate realization

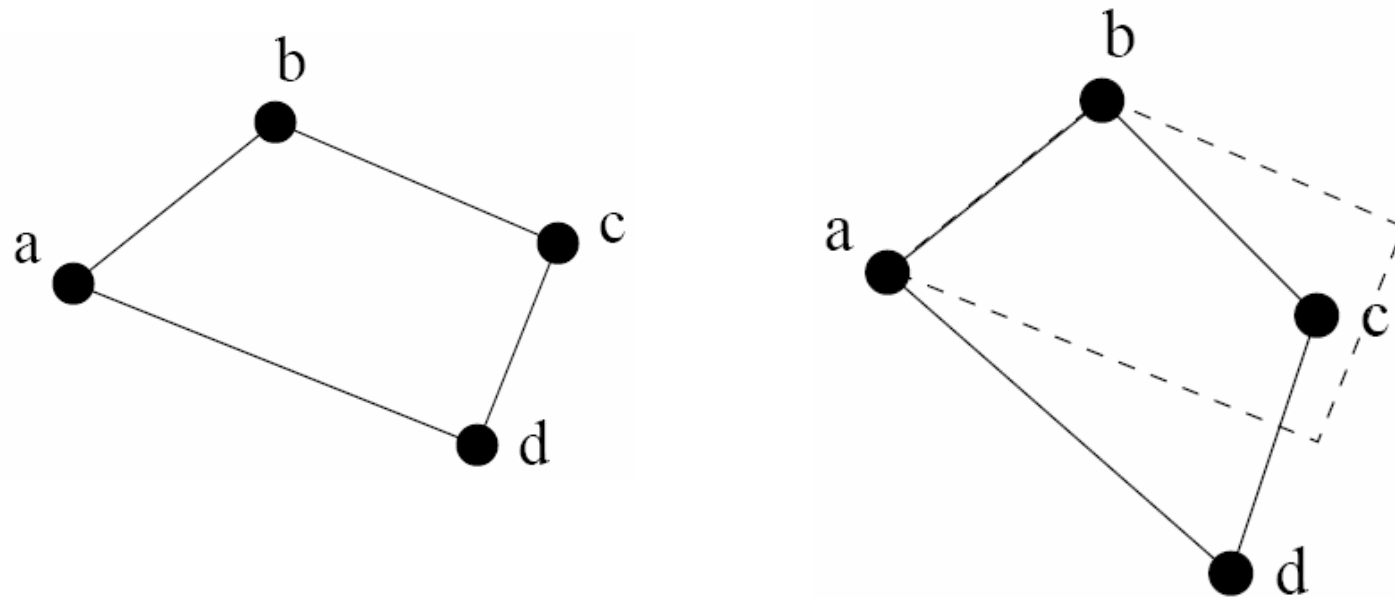


$$\sigma_{err} = 0.34$$

# Continuous deformation

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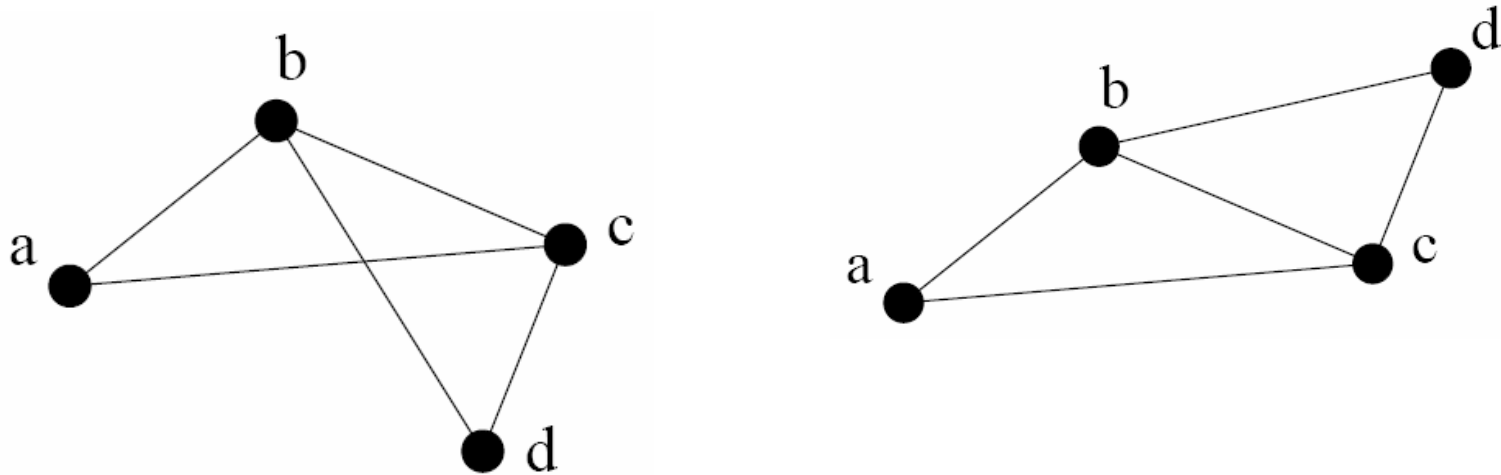
- Nodes move continuously without violating the distance constraints.



# Flip

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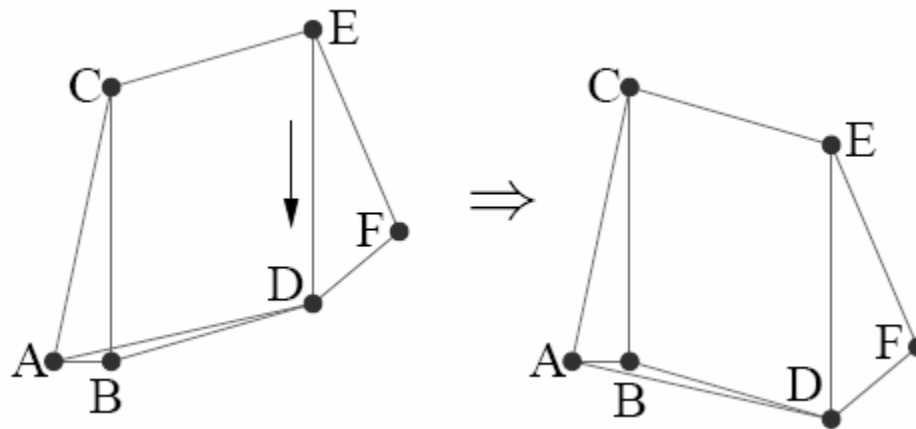
- No continuous deformation, but subjects to global flipping.



## Discontinuous flex ambiguity

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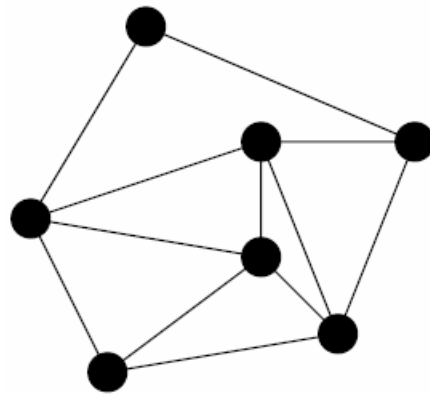
- Remove AD, flip ABD up, insert AD.
- No continuous deformation in between.
- But both are valid realization of the distances.



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## Rigidity theory

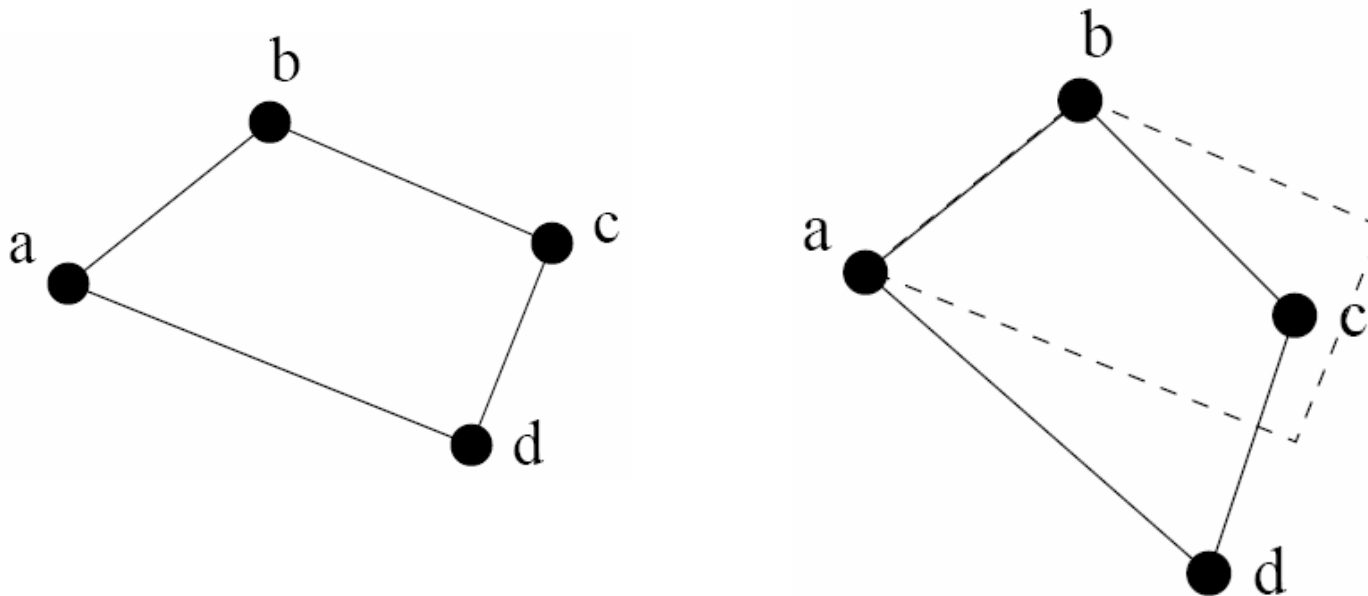
Given a system of rigid bars and hinges in 2D, does it have a continuous deformation? Multiple realizations?



# Rigidity theory

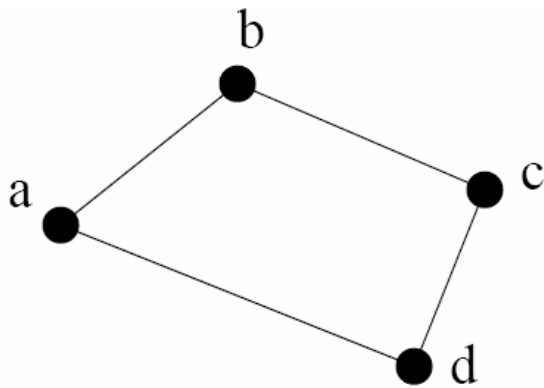
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- Given a set of rigid bars connected by hinges, rigidity theory studies whether you can move them continuously.

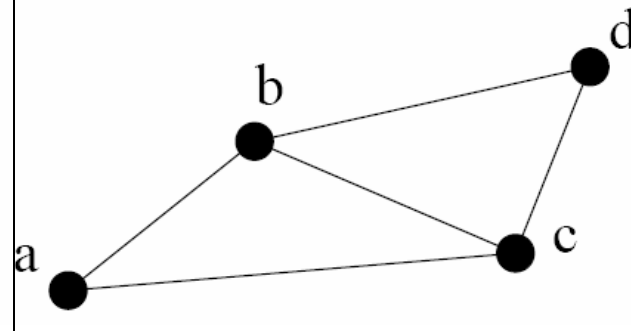
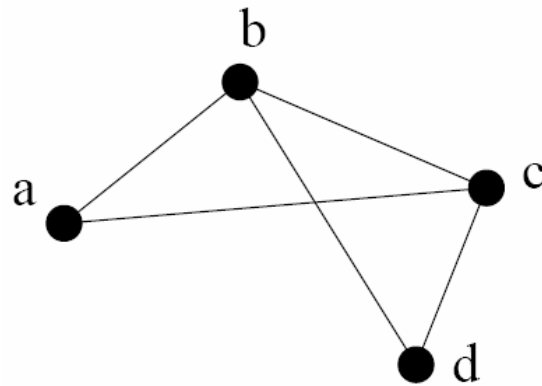


# Rigidity and global rigidity

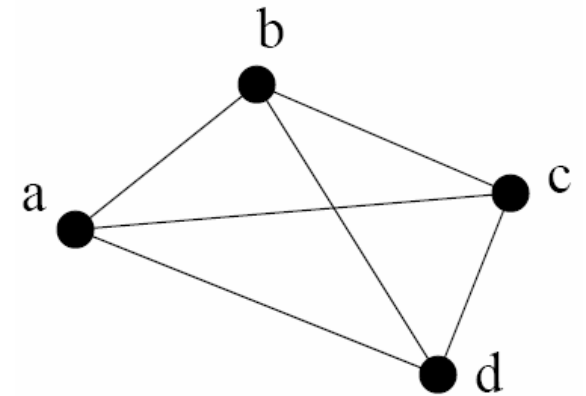
Not rigid



Rigid=  
No continuous  
deformation



Globally rigid=  
unique realization



**What we want!**

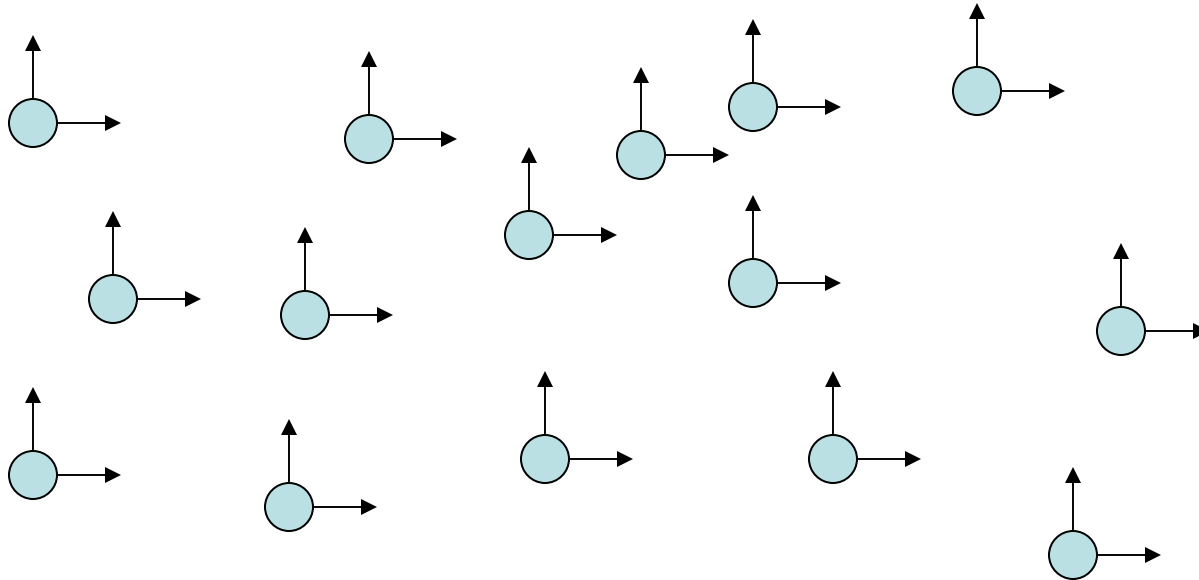
# Intuition on rigidity (not global rigidity yet)

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How many distance constraints are necessary to limit a framework to only trivial motion?

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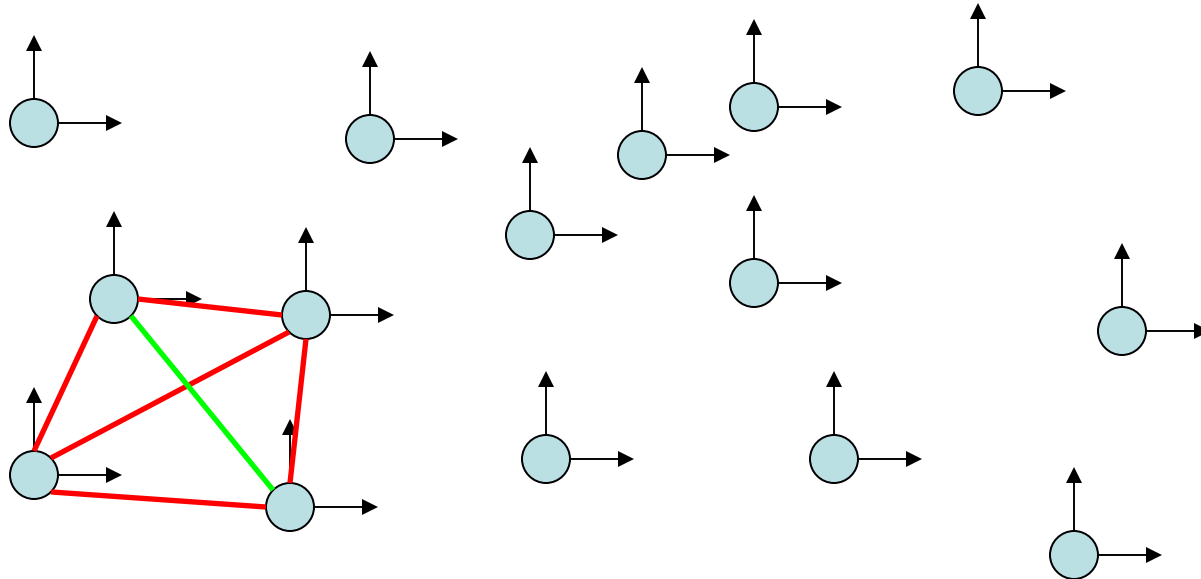
How many edges are necessary for a graph to be rigid?



Total degrees of freedom:  $2n$

How many edges are necessary to make a graph of  $n$  nodes rigid?

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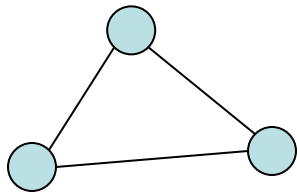
Each edge can remove a single degree of freedom

Rotations and translations will always be possible, so at least  $2n-3$  edges are necessary for a graph to be rigid.

# Are $2n-3$ edges sufficient?

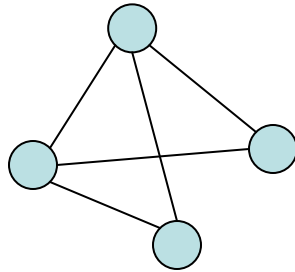
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$$n = 3, 2n-3 = 3$$



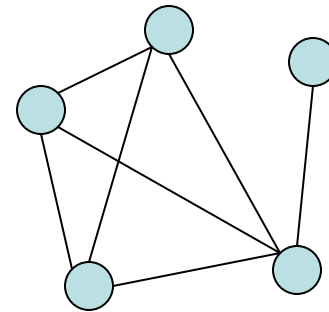
yes

$$n = 4, 2n-3 = 5$$



yes

$$n = 5, 2n-3 = 7$$



no

# Further intuition

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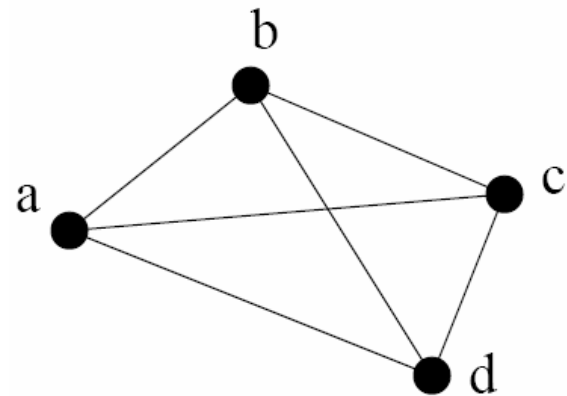
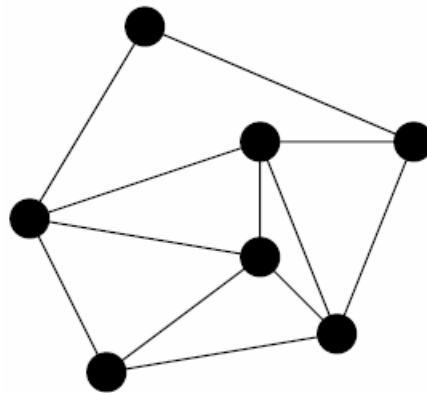
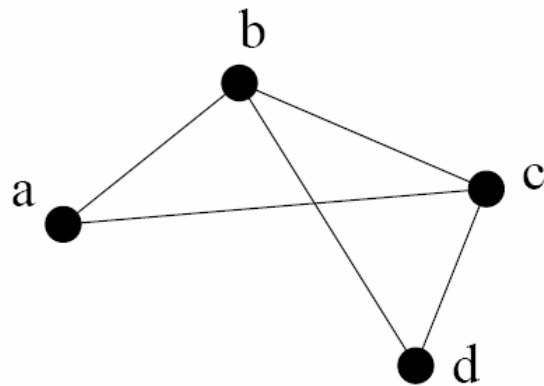
- Need at least  $2n-3$  “well-distributed” edges.
- If a subgraph has more edges than necessary, some edges are **redundant**.
- Non-redundant edges are **independent**, i.e., they remove a degree of freedom each.
- Therefore,  $2n-3$  **independent** edges guarantee rigidity.

# Laman condition

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**Laman graph:** it has  $2n-3$  edges and no subgraph of  $k$  vertices has more than  $2k-3$  edges.

**Laman condition:** A graph is rigid if it contains a Laman graph.



How does a Laman graph look like?

# Henneberg constructions

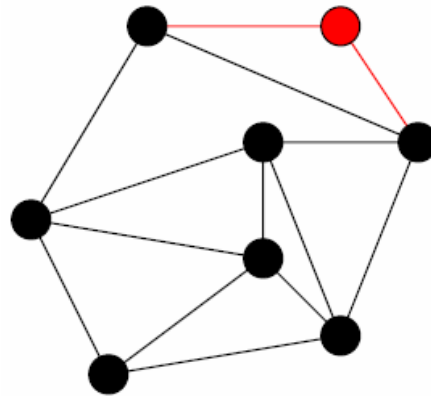
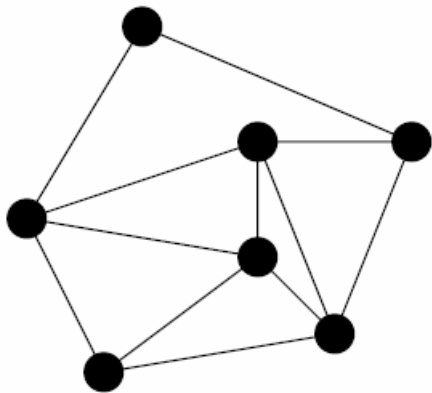
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- **Henneberg constructions** (Tay-Whiteley): inductive, add one vertex at a time:
- Start with an edge. At each step, add a new vertex
  - Type I step: join the vertex to two old vertices via two edges
  - Type II step: join the vertex to three old vertices with at least one edge in between, via three edges. Remove an old edge between the three endpoints.

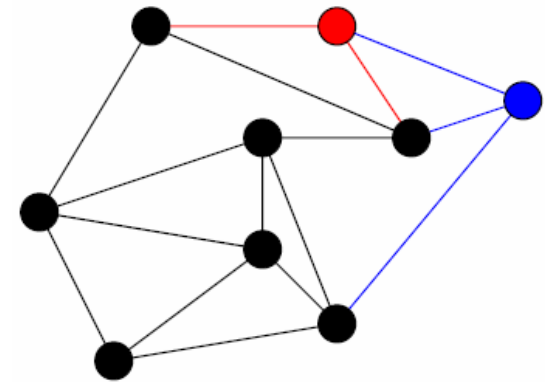
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Type I



Type II

# Laman = Henneberg construction

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- A graph constructed by Henneberg construction is Laman.
- Every Laman graph can be constructed by using Henneberg construction.

# Henneberg $\rightarrow$ Laman

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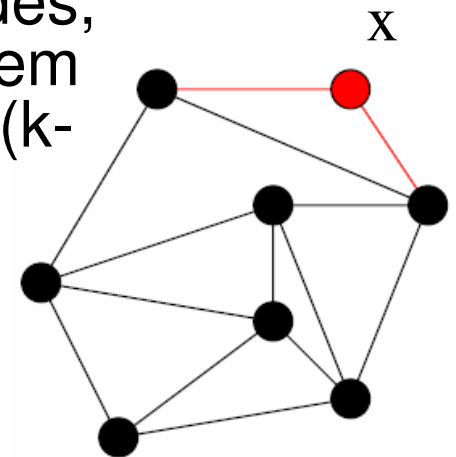
Claim: A graph constructed “Henneberg-ly” is Laman.

Proof: By induction. Suppose the current graph  $G$  is Laman with  $n$  vertices,  $2n-3$  edges.

Type I: Add node  $x$ . Now  $n+1$  vertices, and  $2n-3+2=2(n+1)-3$  edges.

Similarly, for a subgraph with  $k$  nodes, if it does not include  $x$ , by the induction hypothesis, there are  $\leq 2k-3$  edges.

If the subgraph includes  $x$ , for the other  $k-1$  nodes, there are at most  $2(k-1)-3$  edges between them (induction hypothesis), in total there are  $\leq 2(k-1)-3 + 2 = 2k-3$  edges



# Henneberg $\rightarrow$ Laman

Type II: Add node  $x$ . We have  $n+1$  vertices, and  $2n-3+3-1=2(n+1)-3$  edges.

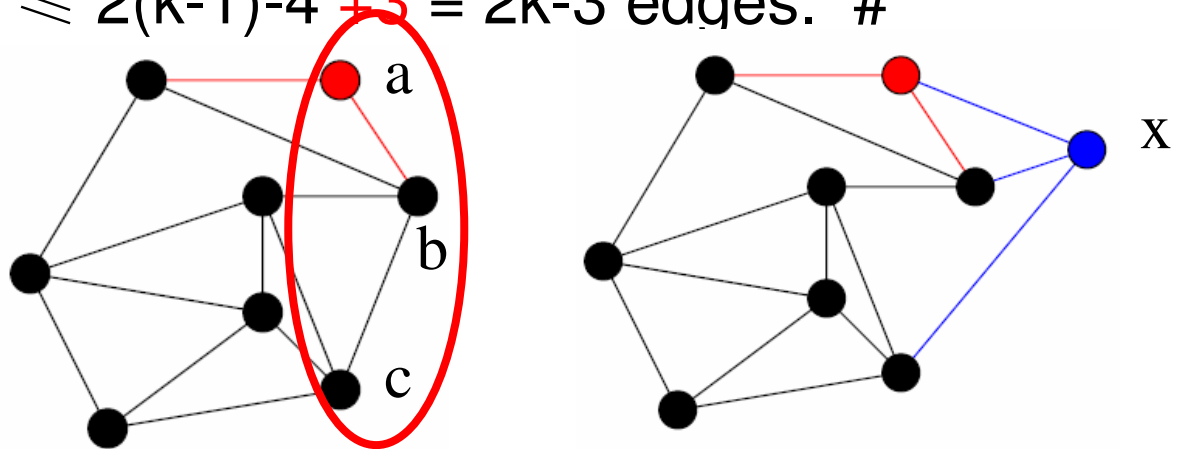
For a subgraph with  $k$  nodes, if it does not include  $x$ , by the induction hypothesis, there are  $\leq 2k-3$  edges.

If the subgraph includes  $x$ , for the other  $k-1$  nodes, there are at most

1.  $2(k-1)-3$  edges, if not all of  $a, b, c$  are included.
2.  $2(k-1)-4$  edges, if  $a, b, c$  are all included.

Add  $x$ , for case 1, there are  $\leq 2(k-1)-3 + 2 = 2k-3$  edges.

For case 2, there are  $\leq 2(k-1)-4 + 3 = 2k-3$  edges. #

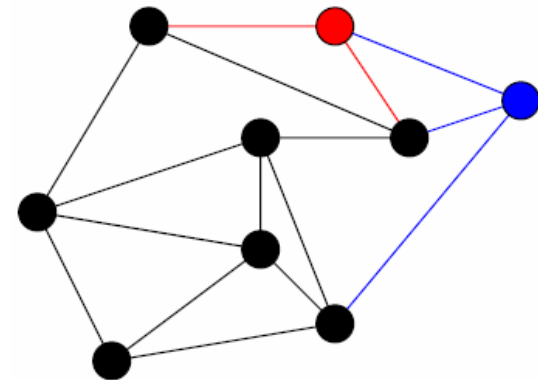
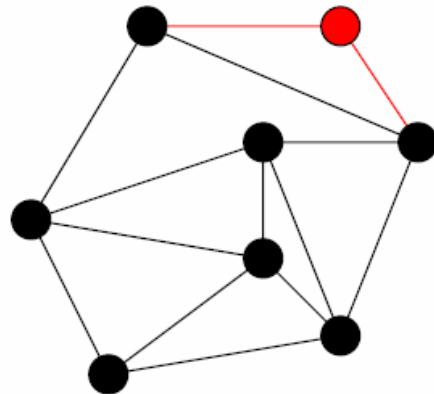
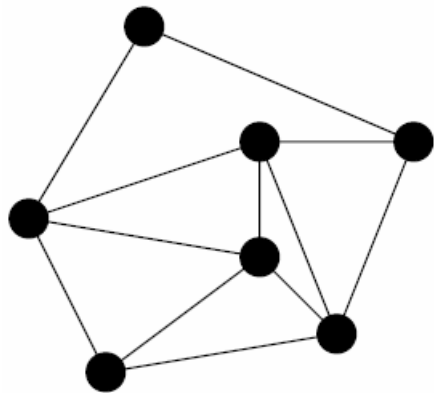


# Laman $\rightarrow$ Henneberg

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Claim: Each Laman graph has a Henneberg construction.

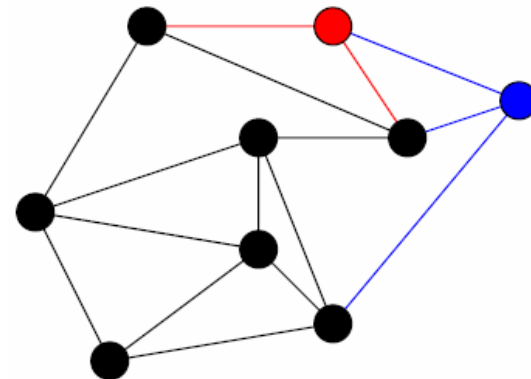
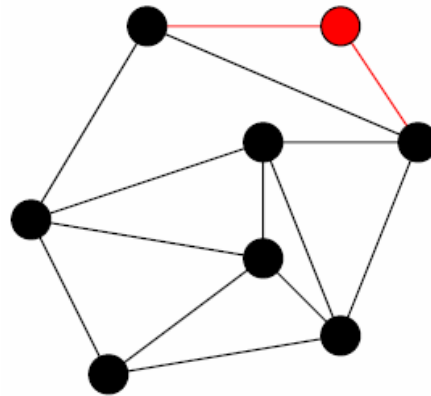
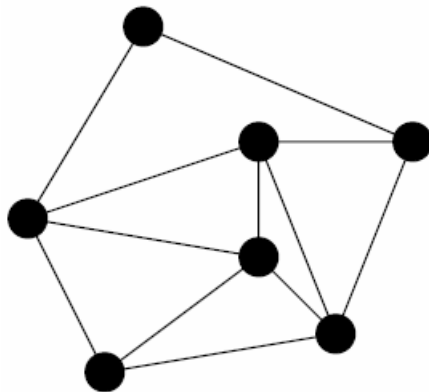
- If  $m=2n-3$ , there exists at least one vertex of degree 2 or 3.
- Otherwise, all nodes have degree 4. Thus we have at least  $4n/2=2n$  edges.  $\rightarrow$  contradiction.



# Laman $\rightarrow$ Henneberg

Claim: Each Laman graph has a Henneberg construction.

- If degree 2: remove the vertex and its adjacent edges (**Type I step in reverse**)
- If degree 3: remove the vertex and the edges to its three neighbors  $\{a, b, c\}$ . They can't span all three edges (else violate  $2k-3$  for  $k=4$ , e.g.,  $\{a, b, c, x\}$ ). Put one edge between them. (**Type II step in reverse**).
- Laman still holds, so we can continue.



# Hennerberg construction implies...

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- The subgraph examined by iterative multilateration is rigid.
  - Start with three nodes (with known locations).
  - Add 1 new node with **3** edges to existing nodes.
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# Laman theorem in 3D?

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## Laman condition in 3D?

A graph is generically minimally rigid in 3D if and only if it has  $3n-6$  edges and no subgraph of  $k$  vertices has more than  $3k-6$  edges.

Unfortunately, the condition is necessary but not sufficient.

It's a long open problem what is the combinatorial condition for rigidity in 3D.

# Laman graph in 3D?

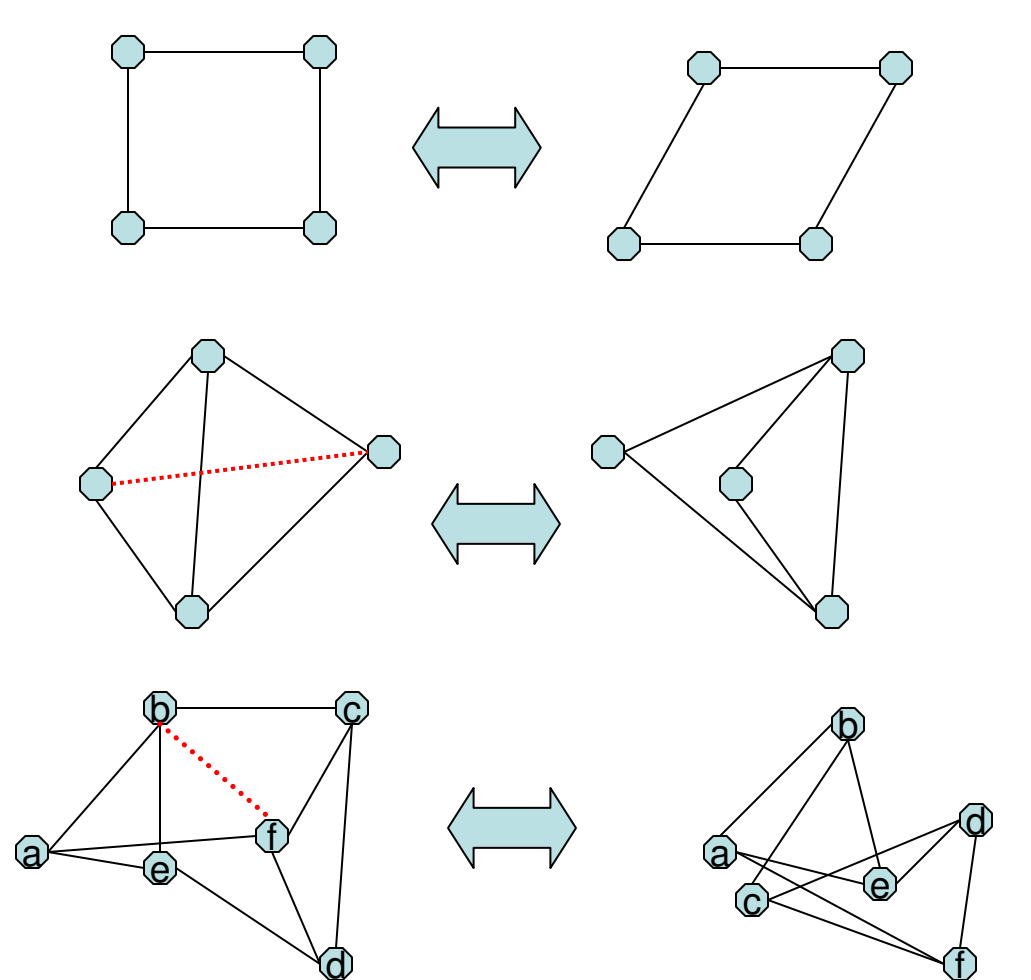
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# Summary of what we know so far

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- 2D Rigidity, Laman graph
- But, rigidity does not mean global rigidity.
- For localization, we really want global rigidity.

# Global rigidity



## Solution:

G must be *rigid*

G must be 3-connected, i.e. Connected after removal of 2 Vertices.

G must be *redundantly rigid*: It must remain rigid upon removal of any single edge

# Hennerberg construction implies...

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